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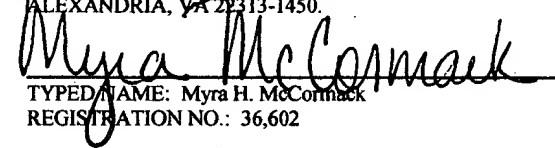
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**  
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**Application No.:** 09/975,650  
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**For:** Improved Ligand Binding Assays for Vanilloid Receptors

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In response to the Official Action dated **July 25, 2003**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.